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SUBJECT: NON-IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE PROCESS

REF: (A) STATE 21246 (B) GUATEMALA 1818

1. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EXTENSIVE WAIVER OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND UTILIZATION OF LOCAL MAIL FOR THE RETURN OF PASSPORTS, ALL THE GUIDELINES SUGGESTED IN PARA C OF REFTEL "A" WERE ALREADY IN EFFECT AT THIS POST. THESE TWO MEASURES CITED ARE SIMPLY NOT PRACTICAL IN GUATEMALA, GIVEN THE QUESTIONABLE BONA FIDES OF A GREAT NUMBER OF THE NIV APPLICANTS AND THE UNRELIABILITY OF THE LOCAL POSTAL SYSTEM.

2. AS REGARDS WORKLOADS AND STAFFING, THE POST HAS NO BACKLOG AND OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY HAVE BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN MAKING NEEDED MANPOWER AVAILABLE DURING PEAK SEASONS.

3. THE PRESENT PHYSICAL PLANT IN WHICH THE CONSULAR SECTION IS WORKING IS DEPLORABLE. HOWEVER, A NEW CHANCERY BUILDING IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-JUNE OF THIS YEAR. THE SPACE ALLOCATED IN IT FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION IS COMPLETELY ADEQUATE AND CAN PROVIDE THE ENVIRONMENT NECESSARY FOR AN EFFICIENT AND DIGNIFIED OPERATION. THE POST HAS REQUESTED A FEW MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN THE ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE CONSULAR SECTION (REFTEL "B") WHICH
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WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE NON-IMMIGRANT

VISA OPERATION.IT IS HOPED THAT THESE MODIFICATIONS WILL
BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AS
THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO INSURE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY
IN ISSUANCE OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS.
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